



Councilmember Francisco Heredia District 3

News and happenings in West Mesa

May 2021

Hello District 3 Neighbors!

The City Council is wrapping up our annual budget presentations, the temperatures are hovering around 100 degrees and the kids are in their last month of school, which means another Arizona summer is just around the corner.

As we work hard to get back to normal, it is important to remember that we haven't crossed the finish line yet. Stay safe, be courteous to others and get your vaccine. There are opportunities all over Mesa and the rest of the Valley to get your vaccine if you haven't already.

We have some exciting things coming soon in Mesa, like our fantastic pools opening and our annual 4th of July spectacular, so as usual, it's great to live in Mesa.

As always, you can contact my office: District3@mesaaz.gov or 480-644-6275

~Councilmember Francisco Heredia

VACCINE INFORMATION

Vaccination is an important step in getting back to normal and putting an end to the pandemic. There are numerous locations across the Valley providing vaccines, including several in Mesa. The vaccine provided and registration requirements depend on the location.

The Arizona Department of Health Services is the source for all vaccine related information. You can visit [here](#) to see where vaccines are available and how to register for an appointment.

In addition, there are vaccination events held at the Mesa Convention Center weekly. These are generally held on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Registration is preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. For information on the next vaccination event at the Convention Center, follow my [Facebook page](#) or visit podvaccine.azdhs.gov.

The City has set up a website with up-to-the-minute information, FAQs and other helpful links. The site is updated frequently, whenever more information becomes available. It can be found at: www.mesaaz.gov/coronavirus.



EMERGENCY RENTAL AND UTILITY PROGRAM



The Emergency Rental and Utility Assistance Program (ERAP) was established in response to COVID pandemic financial impact to Mesa residents, funded through the U.S. Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021. The program provides financial assistance to households financially impacted by COVID for rent and utility assistance to prevent eviction and homelessness.

Who Qualifies:

- City of Mesa Resident (cannot assist if you live on a County Island in Mesa)
- Impacted by COVID (loss of job, reduced hours, medical expenses, etc.)
- Household Monthly Gross Income is at or below 80% median

According to the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, applications for rental/utility assistance must be given **priority** for households financially impacted by COVID whose household income falls within one of the following:

- any adult household member has been unemployed for the last 90 days or longer due to COVID
- the total household income is at or below 50% Area Median Income

These applications will be processed first. You will be contacted within 14 days of receipt of application and all required documentation. Duplicate applications may delay the review of your application.

If you have questions, please call 480-644-5440 or email ERAPinfo@mesaaz.gov for assistance.

For more information and a complete breakdown of eligibility requirements, click [here](#).

Q&A WITH COUNCILMEMBER HEREDIA



In the next edition of Q&A with Councilmember Heredia, I will be talking with the Office of Economic Development. We will be giving an update on West Mesa Developments and Resources for Small Businesses. Be sure to check my [Facebook](#) page for the video, coming soon!

NEW MYLIBRO APP



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- Search the library's entire collection, place holds, and manage your library account in one convenient place
- Barcode wallet—save your whole family's library card numbers for easy access at the library
- Schedule a Park & Pick-Up appointment to pick up your holds

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For more information or to download the app, click [here](#).

MESA POOLS OPEN MAY 29



All nine City of Mesa pools will open for the summer, with modified programming and hours, beginning Saturday, May 29. The pools open for public swimming at 1 p.m. most days. Skyline and Rhodes will be open on Sundays. For specific pool hours, visit [here](#). All pools will be open daily through July 24. Mesa, Stapley, Skyline and Rhodes will be open until July 31. Skyline and Rhodes will be open on weekends through Labor Day, Sept. 6.

Public swim is limited to 220 people per one hour and 50-minute time frame. Masks are required inside the facility lobby and locker rooms. Please observe social distancing on the deck. Pre-registration is available online and costs \$2 per person.

Find your nearest pool and cool off with us this summer!

- Brimhall Aquatic Complex (4949 E. Southern Ave.)
- Carson Aquatic Complex (525 N. Westwood)
- Fremont Aquatic Complex (1101 N. Power Rd.)
- Kino Aquatic Center (848 N. Horne)
- Mesa Aquatic Complex (1630 E. Southern Ave.)
- Rhodes Aquatic Complex/FlowRider (1860 S. Longmore)
- Shepherd Aquatic Complex (1407 N. Alta Mesa Dr.)
- Skyline Aquatic Center (845 S. Crismon Rd.)
- Stapley Aquatic Complex (3250 E. Hermosa Vista)

Admission fees are \$2 for youth 17 and under, \$4 for adults 18 and over and \$2 for seniors 55 and older. FlowRider rates are \$6 for youth and \$12 for adults for a one-hour ride while the fence is in and \$9 and \$17 without the fence. No fence Flow Sessions will be held Saturday mornings.

Summer season passes are not being offered in 2021. We hope to resume offering summer season passes in 2022.

2021 ARIZONA CELEBRATION OF FREEDOM



The Titan Solar Power Arizona Celebration of Freedom Drive-In Fireworks Show will be held Saturday, July 3 from 9 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the parking lot of Fiesta Mall, 1425 W. Southern Ave. The FREE event, and the state's coolest festival to celebrate America's freedom and independence, will once again be a Drive-In Fireworks Show for this year due to an abundance of caution while we maintain social distancing guidelines. The fireworks will be displayed while one of our sponsors, 94.5 KOOL-FM, plays patriotic music

you can tune in and enjoy.

For more information, visit the [ACOF home page](#).

MAY CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS



The Mesa City Council holds two Council meetings a month, in addition to weekly study sessions. All meetings can be viewed live on both the [City's Facebook page](#) and [Mesa Channel 11's YouTube page](#).

Council meetings are currently being held virtually and the process for citizens to participate in the meetings can be found [here](#).

May Council Meetings

Monday, May 17- 5:45 p.m.

May Study Sessions

Thursday, May 6- 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 13- 7:30 a.m.

Monday, May 17- 5:15 p.m.

Thursday, May 20- 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 27- 7:30 a.m.

*- Meetings subject to start time changes

WHAT'S HAPPENING

May 21- [Pre-Summer Splash](#)

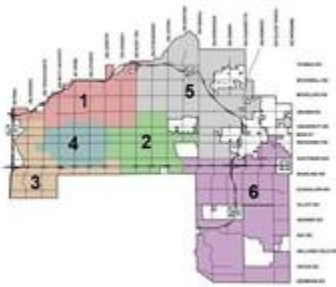
City of Mesa Parks and Recreation, along with Mesa Fire & Medical, invite you to attend a FREE water safety event to kick off the summer. Join us at Mesa Aquatic Complex on Friday, May 21st from 5-7 p.m. The pool will be open for swimming and there will be booths and games on deck! Learn about life vests, swimming lessons, CPR, and water safety all while having fun! Space is limited so only the first 220 guests will be admitted.

May 29- Mesa Pools Open

July 3- [2021 Arizona Celebration of Freedom](#)

Drive-in Fireworks Spectacular beginning at 9 p.m. at Fiesta Mall.

STAY INFORMED



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